Shipyards in the country

409. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of shipyards in the country and how many of them are in public sector;

(b) in how many shipyards, the ship repair activity is concentrated;

(c) the names of the public sector shipyards and the value of the product carrier mix in the last year;

(d) the total turnover from ship repair activities; and

(e) whether Government are planning to improve the shipyards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) There are 28 Shipyards in the country, out of which 7 are in the Central Public Sector.

(b) Ship repair activity is concentrated in the two shipyards under the adminsitrative control of Ministry of Shipping namely, Cochin Shipyard Limited and Hindutan Shipyard Limited and some Private Sector Yards.

(c) There are four Central Public Sector Shipyards under the administrative control of the Ministry of Shipping namely, Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi; Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam; Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited, Kolkata and Rajabagan Dockyard of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited, Kolkata.

As regards the product mix in the last financial year, Hindustan Shipyard Limited delivered one 42,750 DWT Bulk Carrier at a cost of Rs 89.20 crores to Shipping Corporation of India Limited on 15.9.2000 and one 50T Bollard Pull Tug at a cost of Rs 15.46 crores was delivered to its owner, the Visakhapatnam Port Trust on 27.5.2000.

Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi completed the construction of two Passenger Vessels for the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration at a total cost of Rs. 25.51 crores.

Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited delivered a Hydraulic Surface Dredger to Inland Waterways Authority of India at a cost of Rs. 5.23 crores.

Further, Central Inland Water Transport Corporation delivered three vessels in all during the last financial year.

(d) During the last financial year 2000-2001, Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam achieved a turnover of Rs. 99.88 crores in ship repairs. Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi recorded a turnover of Rs 181 crores in Ship repair during the last financial year. The total turnover from Ship repair activities in Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited during the year 2000-01 was Rs 1.50 crores.

(e) This Ministry has been assisting the Public Sector Shipyards under its administrative control by way of assistance for implementing Plan schemes in order to improve their Ship building and Ship repair facilities. Besides, Government is also operating a subsidy scheme for Central Public Sector Yards, as per which 30% subsidy is available to the Yards for domestic Ship building orders as well as export orders.

Cargo handling capacity of major ports

410. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the present cargo handling capacity of major ports;

(b) the steps taken to augment the capacity and productivity of these ports; and

(c) the strategy proposed for improvement of operations at major ports during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The cargo hangling capacity in major ports as on 31.3.2001 was 291.45 million tonnes and the same is anticipated to be 344.40 million tonnes at the end of the 9th Five Year Plan *i.e.* 31.3.2002.

(b) the steps taken to augment the capacity and productivity of major ports include (i) Construction and equipping of new berths and terminals; (ii) Mechanisation of loading/unloading facilities consistent with emerging cargo mix; (iii) Improved operating systems and extension of better facilities to trade; (iv) Computerisation; (v) Simplification of procedures; (vi) Decongestion of ports, better rail/road connectivity.